(c) whether any conclusions were arrived at on any of the matter discussed; and

(d) if so, whether follow up action has been initiated with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) Discussions pertained to a number of issues concerning the State. These, inter-alia, included State share from Central taxes, employment generation, public distribution system, speedy formulation of revival packages for Central PSUs, etc.

It was decided that the State Government may seek separate meetings with the Finance Minister and other concerned Ministers to discuss the relevant issues in detail.

Transfer of Hindustan Cables Limited

2194. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been received from the management/ associations/unions, etc. to transfer Hindustan Cables Limited under the control of Department of Tele-Communications;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the reactions of the Government thereto;

(c) the present revival status of HCL; and

(d) whether enough working capital is being made available to sustain production as to ensure payment of statutory dues including wages?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Main reasons for the suggested transfer of HCL are that DoT is the main customer for the products of HCL and therefore, under DoT, HCL may get regular orders for its products alongwith advance and other concessions. Ministry of Communications has recently been requested to agree to the transfer of HCL from Industry Ministry.

(c) Pending a final decision on the question of transfer of HCL to DoT, Ministry of Communications have been requested to place some orders on HCL. The revival package for the company is also under formulation.

(d) No, Sir. Ministry of Communications has been requested place orders on HCL alongwith advance payments to improve the working capital position of the company.

Revival of Burn Standard Ltd. MAMC

2195. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the revival status of Burn Standard and Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation Ltd. (MAMC); and

(b) the number of employees on roll and their average age?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) As per direction of BIFR, Operating Agency had prepared a Draft Rehabilitation Scheme (DRS) of Burn Standard Company Ltd. This was discussed in a joint meeting held on 18.5.98 and minutes have been circulated Draft scheme would be finalised by BIFR.

BIFR has issued a show cause notice for winding up of MAMC on 11.1.95. further hearing has been stayed by an order from Calcutta High Court. The matter is sub-judice.

(b) The number of employees of BSCL as on 31.5.98 was 9245 nos. and their average age is 42 years.

The number of employees of MAMC as on 30.6.98 was 4016 nos. and their average age is 51 years.